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1. INTELLIGENCE REPORT
2. FURTHER REFERENCE TO AKASTO'S DEPARTMENT (1942)

From: STOCKHOLM

To: MOSCOW

No: 770

24 Apr. 42

[Memo No. 42].^[1]

1. Owing to very great transport difficulties the Germans have suspended inspection^[a] of airline routes by German aircraft. The STOCKHOLM-BERLIN and LONDON-BERLIN air routes are operated by the Swedes and the Portuguese. The ZURICH-BERLIN route is operated by the Swiss, but only on the ZURICH-STRASSBOURG section.

2. The German ports of STETTIN, DANZIG and Gdynia are still ice-bound. There are at present more than 70 vessels of varying tonnage in these ports. [C] We presume that they will open at the beginning of May. The remaining German ports in the southern part of the BALTIC and the KIEL canal are already open to navigation.

3. In the FINNBODA^[11] yard the hulls and engines of 2 Finnish ships, the "SARINEN"^[b] and the "PERU"^[b], are being repaired.

4. In the first half of April the next class was called up into the Swedish Navy and the Coastal Defence Service; 2,800 men were called up into the Coastal Defence Service from the STOCKHOLM region alone and, of these, 450 were posted immediately to KARLSKRONA.

5. On 9th April the "MJOJNER", a new destroyer of the "small coastal" type, was launched at the ERIKSSBERG^[11] yard. Her displacement is 635 tons. A second destroyer of this type was launched in the middle of April at the GÖTAVERKEN^[11] yard. Her name is not known.

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To [Name No. 16]^[17]

In reply to your Telegram No. 129^[18]

AKASTO^[19] belongs to the department [VEDOMSTVO] with which you formerly had a working connection.

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[Name No. 64]^[21]

Notes: [1] The word OBSLEDOVANIE (inspection, investigation) may have been sent in error for OBSLUZHIVANIE (service). Hence possibly: "suspended service on airline routes".

[2] These ships have not been traced, and so are given here in a transliterated form of the original.

[3] Internal Serial of MOSCOW's No. 300 of 23rd April, 1942 (3/NBF/T1598)

Comments: [i] Name No. 42 : Possibly Capt. M. A. WORONTSOV.

[ii] FINNBODA : Shipbuilding yard in STOCKHOLM.

[iii] ERIKSBERG)
GÖTAVERKEN) : Shipbuilding yards in GÖTEBORG.

[iv] Name No. 16 : Cipher officer in MOSCOW. Possibly has real name MININ. See MOSCOW to WASHINGTON No. 478 of 19th March, 1943 (3/NBF/T1596) and WASHINGTON to MOSCOW No. 849 of 20th April, 1943 (3/NBF/T1339).

[v] AKASTO : Probably Col. N. I. NIKITUSHOV, Soviet Military Attaché in STOCKHOLM.

[vi] Name No. 64 : Probably Aleksandr PAVLOV, Tass correspondent in STOCKHOLM.

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